GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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Implementation of PESA Act
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996, (PESA);
(b) whether any action has been taken so far under the above law, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
(c) whether the Union Government has ever reviewed the above law and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
(d) if not, whether the Government proposes to review the law and if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the details of the States and the Union Territories which have implemented this Act so far and the results achieved thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) The Provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996, extends Part IX of the Constitution to the Fifth Schedule Areas (FSA) notified under article 244(1) of the Constitution with certain modifications and exceptions with the object to preserve tribal autonomy, their culture and empower them to ensure social and economic development and preservation of peace and harmony.

(b) to (e) The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has issued guidelines from time to time for effective implementation of the PESA provisions. The Ministry reviews the progress of implementation and compliance of PESA provisions with the State Governments periodically in various meetings and workshops. Compliance status of State Panchayati Raj Acts and other subject laws with the provisions of PESA Act by the ten States having notified FSA is given at Annexe-IA and IB.

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